



# The Last Portage

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**Andante**

*p* *I'm*

sleep - in' las'night w'en I dream a dream An'a won-der-ful wan\_ it seem\_ For I'm

*Cresc.*  
off on de road I was ne - ver see, Too long an'hard for a man lak me, So

*dolento* *rall*

ole he can on - ly wait de call, Is soon-er or la - ter come to all.

*rall*

*f agitato*

De night is dark an' de por - tage dere, 'Got

plain-tee o' log ly - in' ev - - ry-w're, Black bush a-roun' on de

right - an' lef', A step from de road an' you' los' you'-se'f, De

*cresc.* moon an de star a - bove is gone, yet *slower* somet'ing tell me I mus' go on. An'

*slower*

*agitato* off in front of me as I go, Light as a dreef of de

*f*

fall - in' snow Who is dat lee - tle boy danc - in' dere Can

see hees w'ite dress an' cur - ly hair, An' al - mos'touch heem, so

*ad lib.*

near to me In an' out dere a-mong de tree?

*colla voce* *p* *cresc.*

*p* **Parlando**

An' den I'm hear-in' a voice is say,

*Prall* *pschizzando*

*cresc.*

"Com a - long fa - der don't min' de way, De bos' on de camp he


*f* *semplice*

sen' for you, So your lee-tle bey's goin' to guide you 'troo. It's eas-y for me, for de



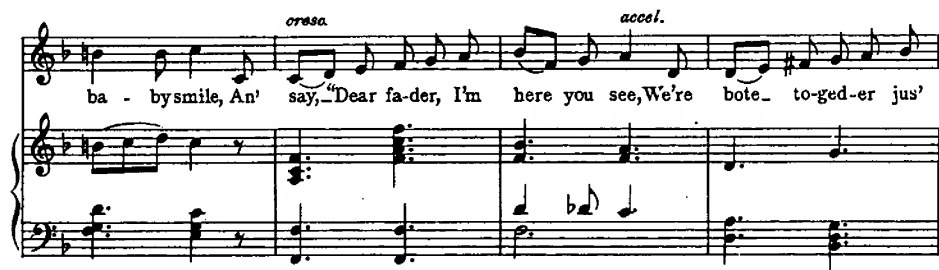
road I know, 'Cos I trav-el it man-y long year a-go."

*with agitation*



An' I fol-ler it on, an'wance in a w'ile He turn a-gain wit' de'

*cresc.* *accol.*



ba - bysmile, An' say, "Dear fa-der, I'm here you see, We're bote- to-ged-er jus'."

*cresc.* *rall.*



you an' me Ver-y dark to you, but to me it's light, De road we trav-el so."

far to-night.

*con tenerezza*  
Lak'de young Je - su, w'en he's here be-low De face of ma lee-tle son look jus' so Den

*cresc.*

*pp*

*morendo*  
off be-yon' on de bush I see De w'ite dress fad-in' a-mong de tree

*cresc.*

*rall. molto*

*cresc.*  
Was it adream I dream las'night Is goin' away on de morn-ing light?

*ad lib.*

*colla voce*

*pp*